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1 AN ACT

RELATING TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 94, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-9412, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICABLE APPRENTICESHIPS TO FULFILL CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 94, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 67-9412, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 67-9412. TREATMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS FOR LICENSING PURPOSES. (1) For purposes of this section, "applicable apprenticeship program" means a paid on-the-job learning program that has been adopted by an Idaho licensing authority or the United States department of labor.
- (2) A licensing authority shall grant a license to any applicant who has:
 - (a) Completed an applicable apprenticeship program;
 - (b) Passed an applicable examination, if required by a licensing authority;
 - (c) Paid any applicable fees; and
 - (d) Met any other criteria unrelated to training and education that are ordinarily required by a licensing authority.
- (3) If a licensing authority denies licensure to an applicant on the basis that the applicant's apprenticeship is not an applicable apprenticeship program, such licensing authority shall issue such denial in writing and explain why the applicant's apprenticeship program has been deemed inapplicable by the licensing authority. Such decision shall be a final administrative action and shall be subject to judicial review.
- (4) If a licensing authority requires an examination, it shall require the same passing score for applicants under this section as for non-apprentice applicants. If a relevant licensing authority does not require an examination, no examination shall be required for applicants seeking to obtain licensure through an applicable apprenticeship program.
- (5) A licensing authority shall use the same licensing fee for applicants under this section as for applicants under the standard licensing process. If a licensing authority does not require a fee, no fee shall be required for applicants who obtain licensure through an applicable apprenticeship program.
- (6) A licensing authority shall not establish increased education or training requirements, including increased hour requirements, for applicants who have completed an applicable apprenticeship program under this section.

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- (7) Licensing authorities may work with the relevant agencies, such as the state department of education, workforce development council, and career technical education division to ensure that applicable apprenticeship programs are available and known to secondary and post-secondary students.
- (8) Licensing authorities without applicable apprenticeship programs may consider apprenticeship programs as a path to licensure if, in the discretion of a licensing authority, apprenticeship is appropriate.